

PROBATION DETENTION CENTER



GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

MISSION

The Georgia Department of Corrections protects the public by operating safe and secure facilities through the development of professional staff and effective offender management.

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OVERVIEW

- A sentencing alternative to jail or prison
- Six male facilities and one female facility
- Highly structured minimum-security facility with regimented schedules that include supervised, unpaid work in surrounding communities
- Military-style discipline is emphasized
- May be used as a direct sentencing option or a revocation/ Probation Options Management sanction
- Associated with the facility side of the department in terms of care, custody, food service, and medical needs

FACILITIES

BACON PROBATION DETENTION CENTER- Alma

Host facility: Ware State Prison in Waycross Capacity: 177
Opened: July 1, 2004

COLWELL PROBATION DETENTION CENTER- Blairsville

Host facility: Lee Arrendale State Prison in Alto Capacity: 271
Opened: 1989

EMANUEL PROBATION DETENTION CENTER- Twin City

Host facility: Emanuel Women's Facility in Swainsboro Capacity: 369
Opened: Oct. 18, 1994

MCEVER PROBATION DETENTION CENTER- Perry

Host facility: Dooly State Prison in Unadilla Capacity: 235
Opened: May 15, 2000

PATTEN PROBATION DETENTION CENTER- Lakeland

Host facility: Valdosta State Prison in Valdosta Capacity: 252
Opened: 1993

TREUTLEN PROBATION DETENTION CENTER- Soperton

Host facility: Montgomery State Prison in Mt Vernon Capacity: 295
Opened: 1991

WOMEN'S PROBATION DETENTION CENTER- Claxton

Host facility: Smith State Prison in Glennville Capacity: 237
Opened: 1992

STAFFING

Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief of Security, Administrative Support Supervisor, Support Staff, and Counselor(s)

CHARACTERISTICS



- Short-term program with a designed length of 60-180 days
- Average stay is 90 days
- Probationers required to work on a detail
- May receive credit for time served while waiting on bed space for PDC in the county jail if judge/hearing officer states specifically on the court order
- Probationers are transported to each facility by the local Sheriff's Office

ELEMENTS

- Probationers are required to work on a detail 5 days of the week: food service, horticulture, auto-body, building grounds maintenance, janitorial, laundry, utilities, maintenance and sanitation duties
- Community work details: under supervision, low-security offenders build, refurbish, and maintain prison and civic buildings, perform road work, clean public buildings and schools, and work at recycling centers and landfills
- Programming varies from minimal education improvement to a broader spectrum of evidence-based treatment programs depending on the facility's resources and court ordered requirements to include:
 - Motivation for Change
 - Substance use counseling-primarily AA/NA
 - Life Skills
 - Job Readiness
 - Group Counseling
 - Personal Health
 - GED/Adult Basic Education

